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First Day of School Visits

A different walk to school, new tech classrooms & eclipse viewing

WHAT Superintendent Vincent Matthews, Ed.D. will join Rico, a seventh-grader at Visitacion Valley Middle School (VVMS), on his 15-minute walk to school from his home in Sunnydale public housing.

The Superintendent and Mayor will greet families and students and tour classrooms where sixth-graders will be welcomed with new state-of-the-art classroom environments that support project-based learning modeled after and guided by [New Tech Network](#).

Later at Buena Vista Horace Mann Community School, all 600 of the school's kindergarten through eighth-grade students will be learning and gathering information about the eclipse in multiple ways, including observing the eclipse with donated NASA-approved glasses (weather permitting).

WHEN August 21, 2017 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

7:45 - 8:00 a.m. Superintendent walks to school with student [call for details]

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Visitacion Valley Middle School: Mayor and Superintendent greet families and students, tour new tech classrooms

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Buena Vista Horace Mann: Partial eclipse viewing (either live or by stream) and science-learning activities

WHERE Visitacion Valley Middle School & neighborhood (7:45 - 9:00 a.m.)
450 Raymond Ave., San Francisco

Buena Vista Horace Mann (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.)
3351 23rd Street, San Francisco

WHY It's the first day of school for San Francisco public school students, and they will start the new school year with new ways of learning science and other

subjects. For Rico, it will be a day to remember as the superintendent accompanies him to school. The students at BVHM will also have an unforgettable day as everyone in the school comes together to study the solar eclipse using a multisensory, multidisciplinary approach that represents how all of our students will be learning science as the district rolls out its new Science Core Curriculum based on the [Next Generation Science Standards](#).

WHO
Mayor Ed Lee
Board of Education Commissioners
Superintendent Vincent Matthews, Ed.D.
Students, teachers and families

**AUDIO /
VISUAL** Middle schooler returning to first day of school accompanied by school superintendent. New state-of-the-art classrooms.

K-8 students learning about and observing the eclipse.

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